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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

1. Reference is made to the following documents from the International Search Report(ISR):

D1 : WO 01/06735 A2

D2 : WO 03/071815 A

D3 : US 5692033 A

D4 : JP 2003-348239 A

2. Novelty and Inventive Step:

The subject matter of the present invention relates to a method and system for providing a ring back tone service comprising the following functions: including the called number of the called terminal in the PA message which is transmitted from SCP(service control point) to a ring back tone player to connect a ring back tone player to a ring back tone server in an intelligent network. According to the present invention, it has a merit of no extra facility such as a signaling gateway and no extra charge since the device can remove the connection between SCP and a ring back tone service.

The claimed inventions meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the cited documents D1-D4 do not teach nor fairly suggest a method and system for providing a ring back tone service by using a play announcement message in an intelligent network.

3. Claims 1-20 have an industrial applicability under PCT Article 33(4), because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.